Government of India has laid down a separate national policy for promotion and development of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy. Indigenous systems of medicine which include Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and drugless therapies of Yoga & Naturopathy have tremendous potential to develop further as they have been providing health care facilities for thousands of years; they are based on a huge mass of scientific literature and there is global resurgence of interest in traditional medicines because of adverse side effects of allopathy drugs.

(c) and (d) The Government of India has introduced a number of Central sector and Centrally sponsored schemes to promote and develop Indian Systems of Medicine. The budget provisions of the Department of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) for the year 2004-2005 and the amount spent till September, 2004 are as under: -

(Rs. in crores)

	Funds provided	Funds spent
Plan Non-	173.00	63.18
Plan	52.73	28.66

Primary Health Centres

944. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hospitals are not rated according to facilities, infrastructure and technical manpower, in our country;

(b) what steps have been taken to enforce health care standards and accredite Hospitals to attract foreign patients;

(c) the number of Private Hospitals and Hospital Beds as on 30th September, 2004, State-wise; and

(d) the number of Government Hospitals including Primary Health Centres with Doctor-Patient ratio, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI). (a) and (b) Presently, there is no mechanism with the Government to rate hospital according to their facilities, infrastructure and technical manpower. However, a Task Force has been set up with a view to promote India as a health destination for persons across the globe, so as to gainfully utilize the health care expertise and infrastructure available in the country. Identification of the list of hospitals/institutions having standard facilities has also been entrusted to the Task Force.

(c) and (d) Details in regard to number of Private Hospitals/Hospital beds and doctor-patient ratio in various State Government Hospitals, State-wise, are not maintained Centrally.

Oral Health Survey

†945. SHRI PK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dental Council of India had conducted 'Oral health survey' at national level;

(b) if so, the detailed report of the survey;

(c) whether half of the population of the country does not have access to dental treatment; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to protect people from dental problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Dental Council of India has conducted an Oral Health Survey covering the following dimensions of oral health:

i. Prevalence of oral health problems;

ii. Fluoride levels in drinking water;

iii. Eating habits affecting oral health;

iv. Dental cleaning practices.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.